

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING ACIDIC CONTAMINATION ON A PROCESS WAFER FOLLOWING AN ETCHING PROCESS" the specification of which

 X is attached hereto.
 was filed on as
Application Serial No.
And was amended on
(If applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, a copy of which is attached.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
Number	Country	Day/Month/Year	(Yes)	(No)
Number	Country	Day/Month/Year	(Yes)	(No)
Number	Country	Day/Month/Year	(Yes)	(No)

67,200-526
2000-0943

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Ser. No.	Filing Date	Status
Application Ser. No.	Filing Date	Status

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number	Filing Date
--------------------	-------------

I further declare that I do not know and do not believe that the invention claimed in this application was ever known or used by others in this country before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application or any prior U.S. application above identified in which said invention may have been disclosed, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America for more than one year prior to this application or any prior U.S. application above identified in which said invention may have been disclosed.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

And I hereby appoint as my attorneys with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith to the firm of **TUNG & ASSOCIATES**, including the following individual attorneys associated with the firm:

Individual Attorney

Reg. No.

Randy W. Tung

31,311

Please send all correspondence concerning this application to the following address:

TUNG & ASSOCIATES
838 W. Long Lake Road, Suite 120
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302
Phone: (248) 540-4040
Fax: (248) 540-4035

67,200-526
2000-0943

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and of any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first joint inventor

CHIH-YUNG

CHANG

First

Middle

Last

Inventor's Signature

Chih-Yung Chang

Date

August 1, 2001

Residence

No 1, Lane 63, Fuchian Rd, Miaoli City, Taiwan 360, R.O.C

Citizenship

Republic of China

Post Office Address

No 121, Park Ave. 3, Science-Based Industrial
Park, Hsin-Chu, Taiwan, R.O.C

Full name of second joint inventor

HSIANG-HSING

LIU

First

Middle

Last

Inventor's Signature

HSIANG-HSING LIU

Date

August 1, 2001

Residence

No. 226, Datung Rd. Gungguan Shiang, Miaoli, Taiwan 363 ROC

Citizenship

Republic of China

Post Office Address

No 121, Park Ave. 3, Science-Based Industrial
Park, Hsin-Chu, Taiwan, R.O.C